

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected. By the present Response, claims 1-15 are amended. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-15 will be pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 due to informalities. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims have been amended to correct the informalities.

Rejections Under Double Patenting

Claims 1-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,888,914 (hereinafter "the '914 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,653 (hereinafter "the '653 patent").

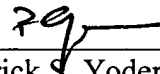
Applicants have noted the Examiner's rejection of pending claims under double patenting in view of the '914 patent. The terminal disclaimer to terminally disclaim the present application with respect to the '914 patent is being filed with this response.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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